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TOKKABU CHAPTER 2

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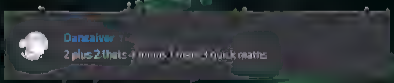

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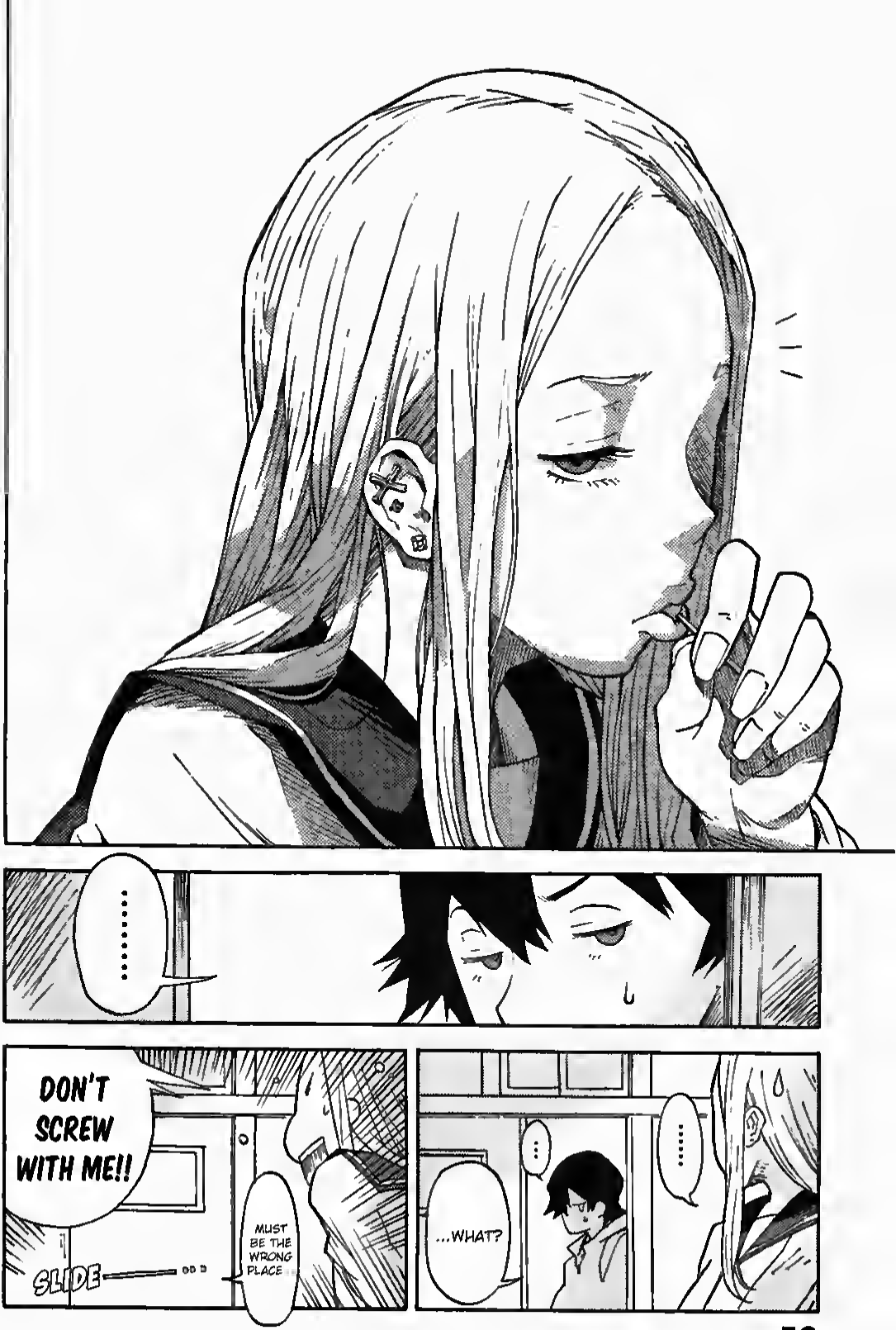
#02 DOG FROM THE VACANT LOT AND LOLLIPOP

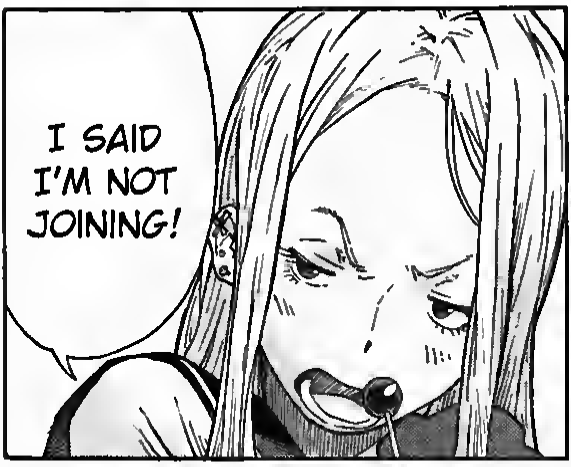
I'M GIVING THIS BACK TO YOU.
YOU SURE?
FINE.
BRINGING IT ONTO SCHOOL GROUNDS IS PROHIBITED FROM NOW ON, OKAY?!
BY THE WAY...
WAS ANYTHING STRANGE RECORDED?
ANYTHING STRANGE? YOU MEAN LIKE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT?
NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT...
LIKE... MAYBE SOMEONE SINGING...?
OH...
SO THE ONE SINGING ALONG TO THE LYRICS OF THAT SONG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WAS YOU, SHINODA-SENSEI?
DELETE IT!!
OELETE IT AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME!! YOU GOT THAT?!!
MY LISTENING DEVICE GOT BACK TO ME IN ONE PIECE.
Toss
WHAT SHOULD I... DO NOW?

PIOP
SHOULD I HEAD OVER?
Special Extracurricular Activities Club
RATTLE


.....
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!!
SLIDE
MUST BE THE WRONG PLACE
.....
...WHAT?

PEEK
THERE'S A HIGH-PRESSURE DELINQUENT IN THE CLUB ROOM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
.....
WHO WAS THAT?
SPIN
.....
DID YOU HEAR THAT, JELLYFISH-SAN? IT MAKES YOU WANT TO ADD A "SAMA" TO THE END OF HER NAME!!
...SO WHO'S THIS HIGH-PRESSURE INDIVIDUAL ANYWAY?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT. I'M NOT THAT FRIGHTENING, AM I?
!!
OH, IT'S JUST NINOMIYA.
BOO
BOO
RAT-TLE
FLINCH!!
CHITOSE YURI, YEAR ONE, CLASS THREE.
!
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THE TOKKABU?
UMM...
.....
NOT REALLY.

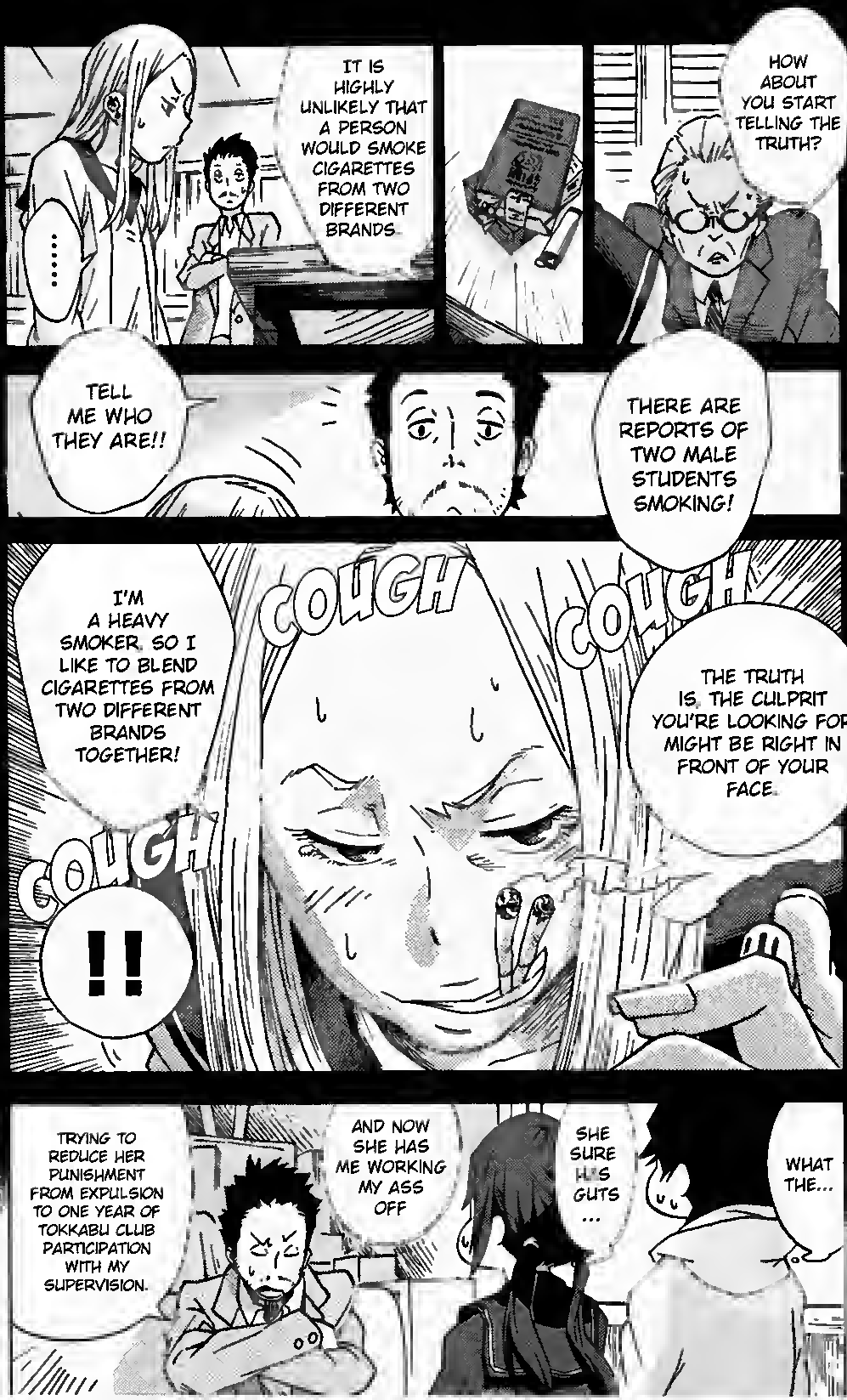
THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE TOKKABU.


I SAID I'M NOT JOINING!

YOU REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO JOIN YOUR CLUB?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
WE'RE NOT IDIOTS! WE'RE COOL!
AND WE'RE HEROES. YOU KNOW, THE ONES THAT MORPH INTO PRIMARY COLORED COSTUMES USING TRANSFORMATION BELTS!
Don't pay attention to her.
I ALREADY SAID I'M NOT JOINING!
THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE TO SAY...
.....
YOU'LL BE EXPELLED AT THIS RATE.
.....
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE GIVEN A CHOICE.
EXPULSION OR WHATEVER.
JUST DO AS YOU PLEASE.

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
.....
HAA...
.....
THE TOKKABU...
WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED AS A MEANS FOR HER SALVATION.
BLEACHED HAIR, MULTIPLE PIERCINGS, REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE, ETC.
AND THEN THERE'S THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK..
HER EVERYDAY BEHAVIOUR IS BAD, AND SHE HAS A REPUTATION FOR IT.
THE INCIDENT?

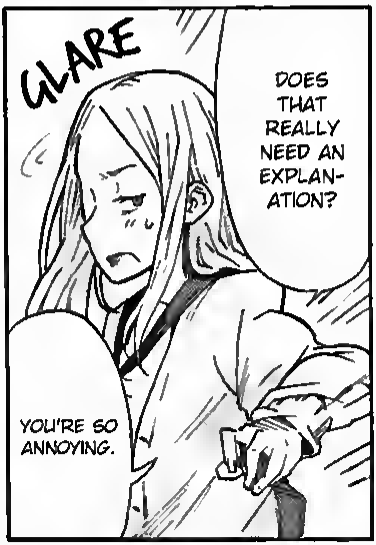
INCIDENTS OF SMOKING AND THE LIKE COULD LEAD TO DENIAL OF COMPETITION ENTRY EVEN IF THEY INVOLVE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.
IT ALL STARTED WHEN SOME FORMER VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS WERE DISCOVERED SMOKING.
TAKE NOTE THAT CHITOSE-SAN AND THE CURRENT VOLLEYBALL CAPTAIN ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
SO BECAUSE OF THAT. AND EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS ONLY THERE BY COINCIDENCE...
SHE COVERED FOR THEM, AND PULLED ALL THE BLAME TO HERSELF.
STUDENT COUNSELING ROOM
生徒指導室
WELL... THE PROBLEMS ONLY STARTED AFTER THAT...
THAT MEANS CHITOSE-SAN ISN'T BAD AFTER ALL!
NO WAY!


IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A PERSON WOULD SMOKE CIGARETTES FROM TWO DIFFERENT BRANDS.
HOW ABOUT YOU START TELLING THE TRUTH?
.....
THERE ARE REPORTS OF TWO MALE STUDENTS SMOKING!
TELL ME WHO THEY ARE!!
I'M A HEAVY SMOKER. SO I LIKE TO BLEND CIGARETTES FROM TWO DIFFERENT BRANDS TOGETHER!
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
!!
THE TRUTH IS, THE CULPRIT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MIGHT BE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE.
TRYING TO REDUCE HER PUNISHMENT FROM EXPULSION TO ONE YEAR OF TOKKABU CLUB PARTICIPATION WITH MY SUPERVISION.
AND NOW SHE HAS ME WORKING MY ASS OFF
SHE SURE HAS GUTS ...
WHAT THE...

THERE ARE A LOT OF MEMEBERS FROM THE SCHOOL AND FROM THE PTA WHO ARE AGAINST IT...
THAT'S WHY THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE A HUGE DEMONSTRATION TO CONVINCE THEM.
SO THE HERO SHOW WE'RE DOING HAS TO BE PERFECT.
WITH THAT SAID, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THE HERO SHOW, THEN...
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKE HER JOIN!!
<SFX: DASH>
WE'RE OFF!!
THIS IS MAKING ME DIZZY...
SIGH...
C'MON, YOU HAVE TO GO TOO.
.....
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FRANK ABOUT NOT WANTING TO GO, YOU KNOW...
.....
C'MON, SHE'S LEAVING WITHOUT YOU.

CHITOSE-SAN!
LET'S BE HEROES.
WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO BE A HERO?
IN YOUR DREAMS, DUMBASS.
STOP FOLLOWING ME.
……
禁止

HMPH.
MUST BE HER REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE KICKING IN...
...I SOME-HOW THINK YOU'RE WRONG.


GLARE
DOES THAT REALLY NEED AN EXPLAN-ATION?
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING.

……
NINOMIYA...
WHY ARE YOU SO FIXATED ON THIS HERO STUFF ANYWAY?

BUT YOU NEVER SHUT UP ABOUT IT...
HMM...
IT'S JUST THAT I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE....
WHAT?
NOTHING ...
TURN
.....!
FOR EXAMPLE,
A PERSON WHO SEES SOMEONE DROWNING AND DIVES IN TO SAVE THEM WITHOUT RESERVATION...
THOSE HEROIC PEOPLE WHO WILL ALWAYS RISE TO THE OCCASION NO MATTER WHAT.
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BELIEVE IN.
.....
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE... I WANT TO "BELIEVE."
.....!
AND ALSO, NOTHING'S COOLER THAN A HERO!
YURI-CHAN!

MELO?!
I CAN'T FIND SAKAYAKI.
WHAT'S UP?
EH?
DID YOU TRY LOOKING FOR HIM?
I DID!
UNDER THE CARS,
AND EVEN BEHIND THE VENDING MACHINES!
I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!
DOES THERE SEEM TO BE A PROBLEM?
.....
CREEP

SAKA-
YAKI—
LOOKS LIKE A SECRET HIDEOUT.
SAKA-
YAKI—

OI.
SHOVE
IT'S THE NAME OF THIS DOG.
……
THAT THING YOU KEEP SAYING.
"SAKAYAKI," I THINK IT WAS.
WHAT IS IT EXACTLY?

BUT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER HIM HERE TOGE-THER.
THEN ONE DAY, HE SUDDENLY WENT MISSING...
月
Saka
代
yaki
THE MARKINGS ON HIS FACE MAKE HIM LOOK LIKE A SAMURAI.
SO WE CALL HIM SAKAYAKI.
HE WAS ORIGINALLY A STRAY DOG.
WHAT KIND OF NAMING SENSE IS THAT...?

THIS IS...
THE SMELL OF ANOTHER INCIDENT...
.....

DON'T WORRY.

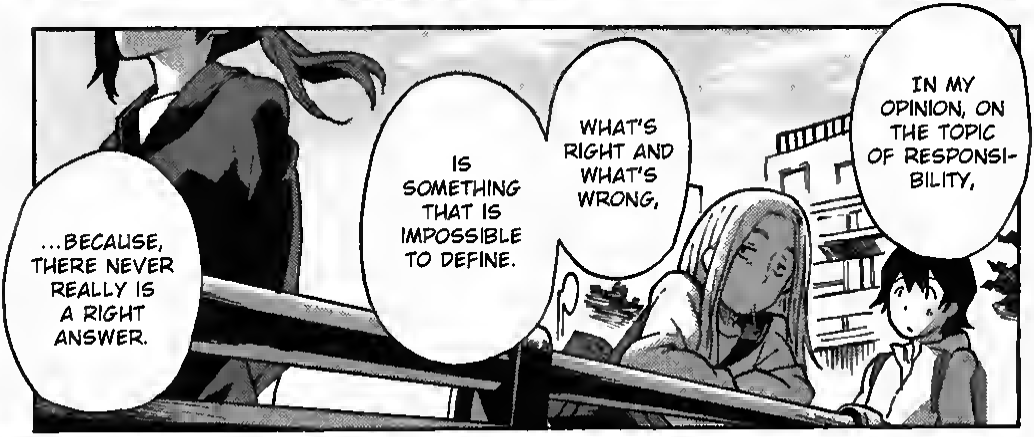
I'LL DEFINITELY FIND HIM FOR YOU.
WE'LL HELP OF COURSE!
.....
over confident!
LEAVE IT TO THE TOKKABU!
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT...
.....

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
BOW
.....
THAT KID... HER NAME WAS MELO, RIGHT?
...WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HER?

SHE'S NOT YOUR SISTER... RIGHT?
SHE'S JUST AN ACQUAINTANCE.
WE MET EACH OTHER BY COINCIDENCE AT THAT VACANT LOT,
AND I HELP HER WITH SCHOOL WORK.
SHE PROBABLY... DOESN'T GO TO SCHOOL ALL THAT OFTEN,
AND SPENDS HER TIME LOITERING AROUND THAT PLACE.
FOR HER, THAT VACANT LOT WHERE SAKAYAKI RESIDES IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE SHE CAN FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING.
I HAVE A QUESTION.
SAY WE DO END UP FINDING THAT DOG.
...THEN WHAT HAPPENS?
.....

YOU'RE JUST POSTPONING THE ACTUAL PROBLEM,
KEEPING THAT DOG THERE FOREVER IS JUST UNREALISTIC.
YOU CAN'T KEEP IT, SO YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER IT IN THAT PLACE, RIGHT?
ALSO,
BECAUSE THAT KID KEEPS GOING THERE DAY AFTER DAY,
AND THAT'S PLAIN IRRESPONSIBLE
SHE'LL CONTINUE TO RUN AWAY FROM HER PROBLEMS AND WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FACE HER OWN REALITY.

I KNOW THAT ALREADY.
BUT WHAT'S SO WRONG ABOUT THAT?
FINDING A LOST DOG FOR SOME POOR GIRL.


IN MY OPINION, ON THE TOPIC OF RESPONSIBILITY,
WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHAT'S WRONG,
IS SOMETHING THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFINE.
...BECAUSE, THERE NEVER REALLY IS A RIGHT ANSWER.

BUT EVEN SO, THE RIGHT ANSWER
IS ONLY SOMETHING YOU CAN DECIDE FOR YOUSELF!
THE DAY SHE GRADUATES FROM THAT VACANT LOT
IS A DAY SHE MUST DECIDE ON HERSELF.

IF YOU CAN'T SAVE SOMEONE WHO'S CRYING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU,
BESIDES...!

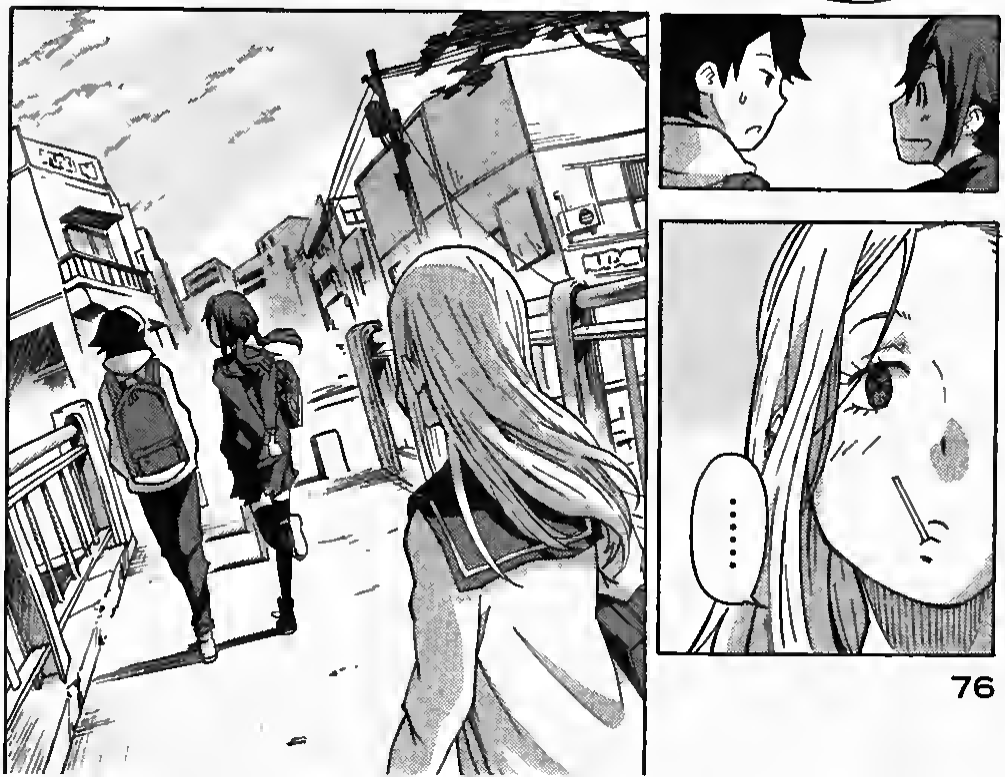
<SFX: GLINT>
THEN HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD?!

?
HEY, DOES NINOMIYA ALWAYS ACT LIKE THIS?
UNFORTU-NATELY, YES...
YEAH.
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD THOUGH.

THAT VACANT LOT.
YOU GUYS PROBABLY AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE BEEN HANGING AROUND THERE RECENTLY.
HUH?
THERE WERE A LOT OF EMPTY CANS AND CIGARETTE BUTS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE,
AND THEY ALL LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE THROWN THERE RECENTLY.
YOU REALLY HAVE AN ATTENTION TO DETAIL.
YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE DID SOMETHING TO SAKAYAKI?
I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE,
BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE TIMING OF IT, THERE MIGHT BE A CONNECTION.
...I THINK.
IN THAT CASE,
IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER STAKEOUT.
NO,
AND NO AGAIN.
Shake
Shake
THAT PLACE IS A COMPLETE DEAD END. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETREAT IF THE PEOPLE WE'RE DEALING WITH TURN OUT TO BE DANGEROUS.
GOT ANY OTHER IDEAS THEN?
NICE!
N
I'VE ALREADY PLANTED MY LISTENING DEVICE THERE
TO FILL IN FOR US.

DON'T CALL IT MY HOBBY.
JELLYFISH-SAN'S HOBBY IS BEING A SPY.
HUH?
HMM?
...HMM?
You sly dog!
JELLY-FISH-SAN DOESN'T DISAPPOINT!
HM?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Did the hero's ship really arrive?
YOU SHOWED SOME SIGNS OF MOTIVATION THERE, DIDN'T YOU?

NO WAY... THAT IS ONE SHIP I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO RIDE.
CHITOSE-SAN! LOAD YOUR TRUST ONTO OUR SHIP, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!
OKAY!
I HAVE AN IDEA OF MY OWN TOO!
IF THE SENSOR DETECTS ANYTHING, IT'LL AUTOMATICALLY RECORD ANY SOUND AND SEND IT TO MY COMPUTER.
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR CLUES FROM THE CONVERSATIONS IT RECORDS.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HMM...
NO CLUES... THIS ISN'T GOING WELL AT ALL...
SOME-WHERE A STRAY DOG WOULD GO...
...SOME-WHERE A STRAY DOG WOULD GO...
...AH.
CLATTER
CLATTER
NO WAY...
<SFX: WHISTLE>
THE NEXT DAY

YOU'RE DRIVING ME INSANE!!
WHAT IS THAT THING ANYWAY?!
THIS?
IT'S A DOG WHISTLE.
<SFX: WHISTLE>
.....
THERE'S A FAMOUS BREEDER IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WHO GOES BY THE ALIAS "INUSENNIN."
I BESTOW THIS UPON YOU.
HE SAID THAT BLOWING THE WHISTLE WHILE WALKING AROUND TOWN HAS THE ABILITY TO ATTRACT DOGS!
SO...
DID HE END UP FINDING ANY CLUES?
I THINK...
YOU WE'RE LIED TO...
WHERE'S JELLYFISH, BY THE WAY?
NO... IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE FOUND ANYTHING...
AND TO TOP IT OFF, HE WENT HOME EARLY FROM SCHOOL TODAY.

THE VACANT LOT.
SOME STRANGERS ARE USING IT.
!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRUST YOU PEOPLE. I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
USE-LESS.
YURI-CHAN.
MELO?
<SFX: DASH>
YOU GUYS!
!?

THERE USED TO BE A DOG HERE.
WHAT'D YOU DO TO HIM?
<SFX: GLARE>
HUH?
IT'S INCESSANT YELPING WAS DRIVING US CRAZY SO WE—
Gulp
...YOU CAN'T HAVE...!
OH... THAT DOG, HUH?
WELL IF IT'S THAT DUMB DOG YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
OH?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
WHAT IS IT, GIRLIE?
I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DOG.

SAKAYAKI...
IS GOING TO DIE...?
THEY'RE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DESPITE HOW THEY LOOK!!
YUP!
IT'D BE BAD NEWS IF IT BIT SOMEONE.
Right?
WE TOOK HIM TO THE POUND, RIGHT?
AND THE SEVENTH DAY IS TODAY, ISN'T IT?!
!
THE DOG WILL BE PUT DOWN!
THEY ALSO SAID IF IT ISN'T COLLECTED BY THE OWNER WITHIN SEVEN DAYS,
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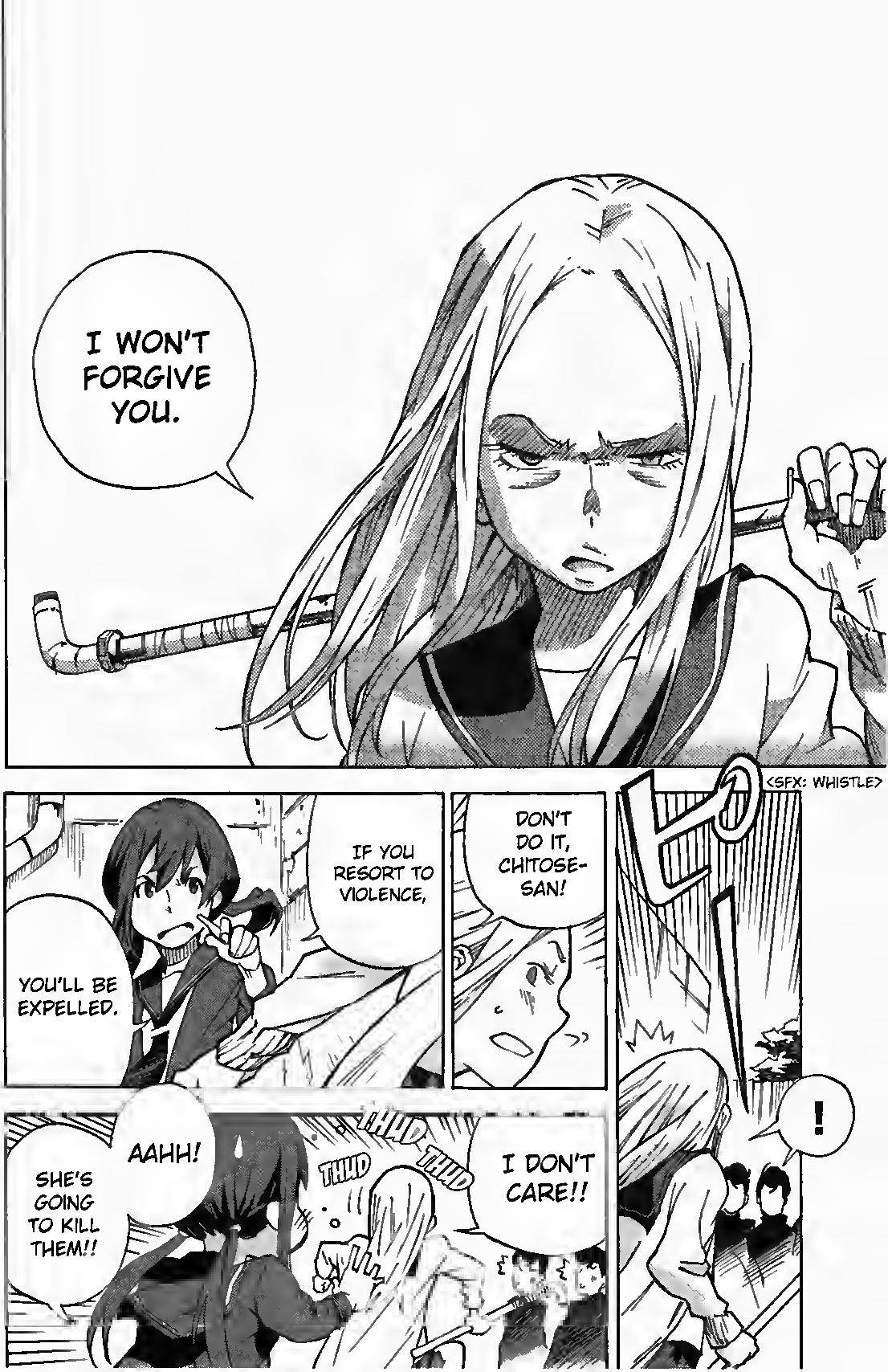
!
CHITOSE-SAN!
<SFX: GNASH>
MELO ...
STAND BACK...
GRIND


I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
<SFX: WHISTLE>
PIIIII
IF YOU RESORT TO VIOLENCE,
YOU'LL BE EXPELLED.
DON'T DO IT, CHITOSE-SAN!
!
I DON'T CARE!!
THUD
THUD
AAHH!
SHE'S GOING TO KILL THEM!!

I'M A GIRL, SO IT'S FINE!
OI! WEAPONS ARE AGAINST THE RULES!!
AH!
AH!
!
FLUS-TERED
!?
!!
BLEEGHH?!
Soaked
CHITOSE-SAN...
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
NI~ NO~ MI~ YA...
.....
drip
drip
drip
drip
?

CHITOSE-SAN.
I WON'T LET YOU GET EXPELLED.
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE THING
THAT DOESN'T CONCERN ME!
!
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!
STEP
IN THIS WORLD...

YOU'RE A NUISANCE!
IT'S JELLY-FISH-SAN!
AND ...
SAKA-YAKI?!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
SAKA-YAKI!
SAKA-YAKI!
EH?
AH!

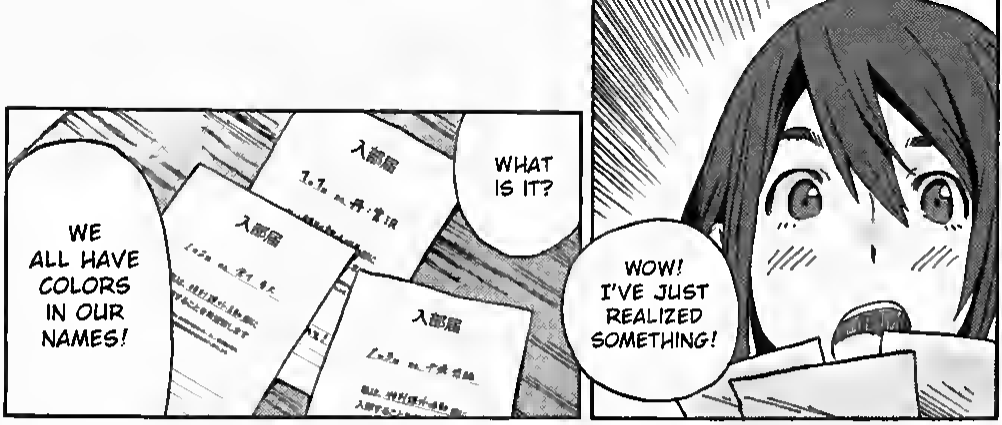
BUT I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT, AND I'M GLAD I MADE IT HERE IN TIME.
THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT I COULDN'T TAKE HIM BECAUSE I'M NOT ITS ACTUAL OWNER,
OI!!
I ONLY REALIZED IT WHEN I GOT HOME YESTERDAY.
YEAH...
NORMALLY WHEN A DOG GOES MISSING, THE FIRST THING YOU THINK OF IS WHETHER IT'S BEEN TAKEN IN BY THE POUND.
WHY WERE YOU AT THE POUND?
BUT HOW?
Why are you so wet?!
THAT HAIRSTYLE COMES FROM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ERA!!
CH
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR THIS?!
We're Meant to be meeting some hot chicks today!!
HEY!
HEY!
DON'T IGNORE US!
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO OUR MAGNIFICENT POMPADOURS!
I HOPE YOU ENJOY GETTING EXPELLED!!
WE'LL DEFINITELY BE PAYING YOU A VISIT!
TCH.
HOW DID THIS EVEN HAPPEN ...?
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT POPULAR!!
IT'S GONE THROUGH TWO CYCLES AND NOW IT'S A TREND!
OH.
POMPADOUR MOVEMENT!!
YOU'RE FROM MAKURA HIGH, RIGHT?
I want the spotlight to shine on me too!!
The tap won't close.
TWIST..
SPLASH
Huh?
WAIT, THAT UNI-FORM...
YOU BETTER NOT FORGET ABOUT THIS...

PSSHHH
WAHH!!
HIROAKI-KUN... YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH TWO GIRLS AT THE SAME TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?
RIGHT?
COME HERE FOR A SEC...
EH?
AND H-HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH? THAT'S ME.
THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST TIME... AND I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SNITCH ON YOU, BUT...
UMM... WHICH ONE OF YOU IS HIROAKI-KUN?
THIS GUY... DEFINITELY BLACKMAILED HIM WITH THAT LISTENING DEVICE...
I TALKED TO THEM.
What happened Hiro-kun?
ALRIGHT! WE'RE LEAVING!!
PSH HHH
IT BROKE.
AHH! THE STORY'S GOING ON WITHOUT ME...!
CLANG!

DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE?
OF COURSE NOT.
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN. ...I PROMISE.
MELO.
SO I'M GOING TO FIND HIM A NEW OWNER, OKAY?
SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO SAKAYAKI AGAIN IF WE LEAVE HIM HERE,

DO YOU THINK CHITOSE-SAN IS GOING TO JOIN THE CLUB?
Special Extracurricular Activities Club
PANT
PANT
PANT
SHE SAID TO LEAVE SAKAYAKI IN THE CLUB ROOM UNTIL SHE FINDS A NEW OWNER.
BUT SHE ENDED UP JUST GOING HOME YESTERDAY.
AH!
JELLYFISH-SAN! HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE CLUB APPLICATION FORM YET?
PLEASE DO IT BEFORE YOU FORGET!
CLAT-TER
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO NOT GET YOUR HOPES UP?
HMPH.
AH
HERE!

...!
CHITOSE-SAN!!
THE CLUB APPLICATION.
HURRY UP AND TAKE IT!
JELLY-FISH-SAN!
LOOK AT THAT! I'VE NEVER SEEN A MORE IMPRESSIVE BLUSH!
SHUT IT!
Look!
Look at that!
THANKS.
WE'LL GLADLY ACCEPT IT.
YOU COULD'VE JUST TAKEN IT WITHOUT OPENING THAT MOUTH OF YOURS.


WOW! I'VE JUST REALIZED SOMETHING!
WHAT IS IT?
WE ALL HAVE COLORS IN OUR NAMES!

CHITOSE-SAN HAS THE KANJI FOR GREEN,
WHAT ABOUT IT?
WAIT A MINUTE... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A COLOR IN YOUR NAME.
AND JELLYFISH-SAN HAS THE KANJI FOR BLUE.
WE'RE LIKE THE HEROES FROM SUPER SENTAI!
.....

THE "NI" IN "NINOMIYA" MEANS RED BUT——

.....
IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY ...
沢
WITHIN THE CHARACTER FOR "SAWA,"
IT SAYS "WHITE!"
THAT'S SO LAME.

.....
IT'S USE-LESS TO KEEP LOOKING, YOU KNOW...

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT'S NOT THERE.
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP?
JUST SHUT UP FOR A MINUTE!
—I DECIDED NOT TO TELL THEM.
#02 END

What year are you from?
You're joking, right?
What's with the hair?

Names

倉下清春

Kiyashita Kiyaharu (Jellyfish)

青= Blue

千歳悠緑

Chitase Yuri

緑= Green

丹ノ宮沢

Ninamiya Sawa

丹= Red

涙 laaks like シロ (white)